

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title of the invention insert the following new heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the heading after paragraph [0001] as follows:

BACKGROUND OF ~~THE INVENTION~~ INFORMATION

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

Fig. 1 is a left side view of a working machine in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, which is constructed as a self-propelled ~~walking-type~~ walking-type electric snow removing machine 10. The electric snow removing machine 10 includes a traveling-component supporting frame 40 having left and right traveling sections 30L and 30R supported thereon (only the left traveling section 30L is shown in Fig. 1). Transmission case 50, functioning also as a machine body, is mounted on the traveling-component supporting frame 40 for vertical pivotal 15 movement. Left and right electric motors 21L and 21R are attached to left and right sides of the transmission case 50, an engine 60 is mounted on an upper surface portion of the transmission case 50, and a snow removing working section 70 is secured to a front portion

of the transmission case 50. Further, left and right operating handles 80L and 80R (of an operating handle unit) extend rearwardly and upwardly from a rear upper portion of the transmission case 50, and an operation panel 91 is provided between the left and right operating handles 80L and 80R, so that the panel 91 is operable by a human operator manipulating the operating handles behind the panel 91.

Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:

The left traveling section 30L is in the form of a crawler, which includes a left crawler belt 33L passed around a front driving wheel 31L and a rear ~~idle~~ idle wheel 32L and where the driving wheel 31L is rotated in the forward direction by the left motor 20L. The right traveling section 30R is also in the form of a crawler, which includes a right crawler belt 33R passed around a front driving wheel 31R and a rear ~~idle~~ idle wheel 32R and where the driving wheel 31R is rotated in the forward direction by the right motor 20R.

Please amend paragraph [0038] as follows:

The ~~snow-blowing~~ machine 10 also includes a pivoting drive mechanism 83, which is an expanding/contracting mechanism for driving the transmission case 50 to pivot in the vertical direction so as to adjust a height of the snow

removing working section 70 above the ground surface and then hold the snow removing working section 70 at the adjusted height. The pivoting drive mechanism 83 preferably comprises an actuator having a piston rod movable into and out of a cylinder, such as an electric actuator, hydraulic actuator or pneumatic actuator.

Please amend paragraph [0047] as follows:

The left and right side members 41 each provide a frame that has a front portion rotatably supporting thereon a corresponding one of left and right driving-wheel axles 34L and 34R and a rear portion supporting thereon an idle-wheel axis axle 35 in conjunction with a rear portion of the other side member 41. The left and right driving-wheel axles 34L and 34R are each a rotation shaft having the left or right driving wheel 31L or 31R fixed thereto. The idle-wheel axis axle 35 is a rotation shaft having the left or right ~~idle~~ idle wheel 32L or 32R mounted thereon for free rotation relative to the rotation shaft.